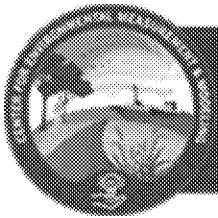


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CEMM T|M3* (AKA CEMM TIME) Tuesday | Morning Management Meeting

February 21, 2023 Summary Notes

CEMM NEWS

Upcoming meetings and scheduling items for awareness:

- Feb 28 – Mar 2nd: EC, EC/MC, and MC meetings (virtual)
- Mar 7-8th: CEMM IO site visit to GEMMD
- Mar 15-16th: CEMM Management Retreat (RTP)
- Mar 27 – 31st: Alice will be on leave, Eric will be on leave (TBD Acting)

EC Updates

- East Palestine, OH train derailment: The Administrator came to Ohio last week and is returning this week to discuss the train derailment to meet with residents and local and state officials. News reports state that testing of treated drinking water haven't detected contamination, but fish kills have occurred.
- The Administrator's visit to Ghana has been delayed so that he could go the East Palestine, Ohio again this week.
- Update on ST nominations – only 2 nominations can be submitted per Center.
- New Executive Order on Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/02/16/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-executive-order-to-strengthen-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-across-the-federal-government/>

ORD Honor Awards

We will be doing nominations for 2 years prior. For example, we are now completing nominations for FY 2021. We would like to discuss more about how you would like to track accomplishments.

OPM Training on Workforce Planning and Succession Planning

Over the last couple of years, ORD has been working to develop a robust workforce/succession planning model. We have agreed to implement the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Workforce Planning model and conducted pilots with CPHEA and CESER.

Based on our progress and lessons learned, we are ready to roll out workforce/succession planning throughout ORD.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will deliver a three-hour session on workforce planning and a three-hour session on succession planning. The training will provide a comprehensive overview of the OPM workforce planning model, concepts, Federal policy, and best practices and combine lecture, discussion, and hands-on exercises with ORD workforce data. There is no prep work for this training.

While not mandatory from the IOAA, I strongly encourage each supervisor to attend the training. From my experience in CESER, the success of the planning relies on active participation from the full leadership team from Center Director to all Branch Chiefs.

INFORMATIONAL: Heads up on PFAS research workshop - April 25-27 (info attached)

The **PFAS Research Workshop** is a three-day meeting that connects work conducted under both extramural and intramural research programs. It will highlight research funded under four Science to Achieve Results (STAR) RFAs along with work under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) programs and the Regional - ORD Applied Research Program (ROAR). EPA scientists from the Office of Research and Development will provide highlights from ORD's intramural programs and staff from the Office of Water, Office of Land and Emergency Management, and the Regions will present on program and regional priorities. We expect that the cross-program discussions between external researchers and EPA scientists and staff will be beneficial to all involved.

What: PFAS Research Workshop

When: April 25-27, 2023

Where: Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 Martin Luther King Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45268

Who: Open to all interested EPA staff to attend in-person or virtually. Attendees are required to [register](#) in advance. For planning purposes, please register for in-person attendance by March 3.

How: More Information about logistics and the featured grant programs can be found [here](#).

RPIS NEWS

ORD Quality Program Management Report (document attached)

Last Thursday (February 16th), the ORD-SIO shared via email the FY22 ORD Quality Program Management Report (QPMR). The purpose of the report is to provide information regarding ORD quality program activities and the effectiveness of internal controls established as part of the program. The QPMR provides a baseline for understanding our QA program, and enables ORD to complete the annual Agency quality certification requirements. The report will also assist the ORD QA community in streamlining the use of the QA Track database, evaluating the effectiveness of established policies and procedures, and establishing goals for the ORD quality program. Thanks to the many CEMM QAMs contributed to and reviewed the report.

REMINDERS/CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT/ETHICS/OTHER

Proposed calendar of kudo recognition and presentations by center and office:

Date	Kudos	Presentation
January 24, 2023	ORM	CESER
February 21	CCTE	OSAPE
March 21	OSAPE	CPHEA
April 18	CEMM	ORM
May 16	OSIM	CEMM – Deron Smith CYAN Web App
June 13	CESER	IOAA
July 11	IOAA	CCTE
August 8	CPHEA	OSIM
September 5 (or 12)	ORM	CESER
October 3	CCTE	OSAPE
October 31	OSAPE	CPHEA
November 28	CEMM	ORM

Quick Resource Links

[CEMMformation \(Resources\)](#)

A collection of resources used by CEMM staff in day-to-day operations.

[CEMM Communications Hub](#)

Information, tools, and resources about Communications in CEMM.

[CEMM on Social Media](#)

Links to tweets about CEMM research and researchers.

[CEMM in Science Matters](#)

Stories about CEMM research in ORD's external newsletter.

Thank you,
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